<u>**Amendments to the Claims:**</u>

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

<u>**Listing of Claims:**</u>

1. (Previously Presented) A digital image capturing system, comprising:

at least two digital image capturing devices, including a first digital image capturing device and a second digital image capturing device; and

a bi-directional link cable directly connecting said at least two digital image capturing devices;

wherein said at least two digital image capturing devices are capable of sharing data items over said bi-directional link cable,

the sharing of said data items comprises sharing images captured by one of the at least two digital image capturing devices over said cable, and

the first digital image capturing device is configured to transmit to the second digital image capturing device an image captured by the first device, wherein the second device simultaneously displays on a display screen the captured image transmitted from the first device and a pointer for pointing to or indicating a portion of said captured image, wherein the first device controls movement of the pointer within the display screen.

2. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the sharing of said data items comprises transmitting real time image views from a first of the at least two digital image capturing devices to a second of the at least two digital image capturing devices, wherein the real time image view is transmitted over the bi-directional cable that connects the first digital image capturing device to the second digital image capturing device.

3. Cancelled.

4. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the sharing of said data items comprises sharing image information.

5. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said bi-directional link cable comprises an audio/visual (A/V) cable.

6. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein said bi-directional link cable comprises a universal serial bus (USB) cable.

7. (Original) The device of claim 1, with a digital image capturing device of said at least two digital image capturing devices further comprising:

an input/output (I/O) port capable of connecting to said bi-directional link cable;

a processor communicating with said I/O port; and

a memory communicating with said processor and including an image storage, an image receive driver, and an image transmit driver;

wherein said processor determines if said I/O port is connected to said bi-directional link cable, determines if said digital image capturing device is a master or a slave, and shares said data items over said bi-directional link cable.

8. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein a digital image capturing device of said at least two digital image capturing devices operates as a pseudo host.

9. (Currently Amended) A first digital image capturing device, comprising:

an input/output (I/O) port capable of connecting to a bi-directional link cable;

a processor communicating with said I/O port; and

a memory communicating with said processor and including an image storage, an image receive driver, and an image transmit driver;

wherein said processor is configured to determine ~~determines~~ if said I/O port is connected to said bi-directional link cable, ~~determines~~ determine if said first digital image capturing device is a master or a slave, and ~~shares~~ share data items over said bi-directional

link cable, wherein said data items include data for controlling the movement of a pointer overlaying an image displayed on a display screen of a second digital image capturing device, wherein said displayed image was captured by the first digital image capturing device and subsequently transferred to the second device.

10. (Original) The device of claim 9, wherein the sharing of said data items comprises transmitting and receiving data items.

11. (Original) The device of claim 9, wherein the sharing of said data items comprises sharing real time image views.

12. (Original) The device of claim 9, wherein the sharing of said data items comprises sharing images.

13. (Original) The device of claim 9, wherein the sharing of said data items comprises sharing image information.

14. (Original) The device of claim 9, wherein said bi-directional link cable comprises an audio/visual (A/V) cable.

15. (Original) The device of claim 9, wherein said bi-directional link cable comprises a universal serial bus (USB) cable.

16. (Original) The device of claim 9, wherein said digital image capturing device operates as a pseudo host.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of linking a first digital image capturing device to one or more other digital image capturing devices, comprising the steps of:

obtaining a first digital image capturing device capable of sending and receiving data items over a bi-directional link cable, said first digital image capturing device comprising a first I/O port;

obtaining a second digital image capturing device capable of sending and receiving data items over a bi-directional link cable, said second digital image capturing device comprising a second I/O port;

obtaining a bi-directional link cable having a first end and a second end;

connecting the first end of the cable to the first I/O port;

connecting the second end of the cable to the second I/O port;

using the first digital image capturing device to capture an image; ~~and~~

transmitting a real time view of the image from the first digital image capturing device to the second digital image capturing device over the bi-directional link cable, which directly connects the first digital image capturing device to the second digital image capturing device;

while transmitting the real time view, also transmitting to the second device from the first device a pointer overlay, wherein pointer overlay and the real time view of the image are displayed simultaneously on a display screen of the second device such that the pointer overlay overlays the real time view of the image; and

enabling the user to move the pointer within the display screen of the second device by manipulating a control on the first device.

18. Cancelled.

19. Cancelled.

20. Cancelled.

21. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of sharing image information.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the first and/or the second digital image capturing device is capable of operating as a pseudo host.

23. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising the steps of:

detecting a connection of a bi-directional link cable in said digital image capturing device;

accepting a master or slave input that determines whether said digital image capturing device is a master or a slave;

accepting an image selection of a first data item to be sent to a connected slave digital image capturing device if said digital image capturing device is a master;

transmitting said first data item to said connected slave digital image capturing device if said digital image capturing device is a master;

accepting a second data item from a connected master digital image capturing device if said digital image capturing device is a slave; and

displaying said second data item on said digital image capturing device if said digital image capturing device is a slave.

24. (Currently Amended) A method of linking a first digital image capturing device to one or more other digital image capturing devices, comprising the steps of:

detecting a connection of a bi-directional link cable in said first digital image capturing device;

accepting a master or slave input that determines whether said first digital image capturing device is a master or a slave;

accepting input that selects an image to be sent to a connected slave digital image capturing device from said first digital image capturing device if said first digital image capturing device is a master;

transmitting said image to said connected slave digital image capturing device if said first digital image capturing device is a master, wherein the slave device displays the image on a display screen and displays a pointer on top of the image; and

~~transmitting pointer movement commands from said first device to the second device, wherein said pointer movement commands cause the slave device to move the pointer~~enabling the user to move the pointer within the display screen by manipulating a control on the first device.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the first digital image capturing device and the second digital image capturing device share real time image views.

26. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the first digital image capturing device and the second digital image capturing device share images.

27. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the first digital image capturing device and the second digital image capturing device share image information.

28. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein a master digital image capturing device operates as a pseudo host.